

Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement today to highlight the 61st annual observance of the National Day of Prayer.

"In Congress I strive to do my job to serve God and country- in that order," said King. "Benjamin Franklin once said 'the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth- that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?' We believe that this nation would not have risen without His aid and without the prayers to almighty God. Prayer has guided us from meeting to meeting, event to event and battle after battle as America was formed. I believe that the Founding Fathers were moved around like men on a chess board on this great continent and that they were guided in their very actions and words. They shaped the values and God given rights that are so clearly defined in the Declaration of Independence."

"Today, more than ever, we need to be confident that we are also following in those principles that have taken us to this point. If the Founding Fathers, with God's guidance, can shape this nation and identify God given liberty, then surely we can refurbish the pillars of American Exceptionalism. Surely we can honor to Him for the gifts he has given this country and put it back on the right track so that men and women who are born 100 years from now can look back at us and say 'they kept the faith, they kept the trust, they held it together for us.' I thank you for your prayers each day, but especially today on this National Day of Prayer."

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